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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

May 9 Town Meeting
7:00 p.m.

- ORD 175 & 176—FY 2019 Budgets**
The Town council plans to adopt the FY 2019 General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budgets. Please see pp. 6-8 for detailed information about the budgets.
- ORD 101—Animals, Amended**
The Town Council plans to approve a revised *Ordinance 101 - Animals*. It adopts the Prince George's County code as a minimum standard for keeping domestic animals and turns over enforcement of these standards to the County. It also incorporates basic animal welfare standards. The existing Ordinance is posted on the Town website at https://berwynheightsmd.gov/charter_and_ordinances
- Resolution 1-2018—Charter Amendment, Town Administrator**
The Town Council will introduce Amendments to the Berwyn Heights Charter, Section 706.1—Administrator to change the Title of the 'Town Administrator' to 'Town Manager'. This more accurately reflects the responsibility for the overall administration of the Town this position entails. The current Town Charter is posted on the Town website at https://berwynheightsmd.gov/charter_and_ordinances
- ORD 121—Powers & Duties**
The Town Council plans adopt an amended *Ordinance 121—Powers & Duties* at the June 13 Town Meeting in conjunction with the Charter Amendment (referenced above). The change to the Ordinance has the same purpose as the Charter Amendment, that is to assign the proper title for the position of Town Manager.

Public Comments are welcome.

If you have questions or comments please contact
Town Administrator Cowles at jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION
MAY 1 | 7 AM—7 PM

Senior Center
5700 Berwyn Road

SWEARING-IN | MAY 9 | 8 PM

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS OF TOWN OFFICES

Memorial Day

May 28, 2018

Refuse Collection as Follows:

Mon	5/28//2018	NO PICKUP
Tue	5/292018	Trash, Bulk Trash: Town-wide
Wed	5/30/2018	Recycling
Thu	5/31/2018	Trash, Yard Waste: Town wide

Please Do NOT Leave Trash out over Holiday

Bulletin Advertising Rates

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

Public Hearing Notice

The Town of Berwyn Heights, will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 177, authorizing the issuance and sale of an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed one million, one hundred thousand dollars (**\$1,100,000**) of bonds to be issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Sections 4-101 through 4-255 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, for the purpose of (I) providing all or a portion of the funds necessary for financing the following projects: Road Improvement Project, Phase II; (II) funding a portion of a capital reserve fund and (III) paying issuance and other costs related to the bonds.

Time: Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Place of meeting: Town Council Chambers, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Full text of the Ordinance is available at BerwynHeightsMD.gov. Contact Town Administrator Jessica Cowles at JCowles@BerwynHeightsMD.gov or 301-474-5000 with questions. Written public comments may be submitted to: 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 to the attention of the Town Administrator.

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

*** **PARADE ROUTE**
(starts at Berwyn Hts Elementary)

--- **TRAIN ROUTE**
(rides are FREE all day)

ROAD BLOCKS

11:00 am – 4:30 pm

12–1:30 pm (during parade only)

BHVFD FIRST AID Station & FIRE PREVENTION Activities!

In Case of Severe Rain: Activities will move to 6200 Pontiac Street—Kids Games, Rides and DJ will be in the Community Center Gym; and Vendors, Food, and the Hall Brothers (band) will be

Attractions:

- ① Market Place
- ② Information & Volunteer Booths
- ③ Ticket Booth, T-Shirts
- ④ Midway Games
- ⑤ Moonbounces/Rides
- ⑥ Live DJ @ Grand Strand
- ⑦ Fun Run Start/Finish
- ⑧ Emergency Preparedness Trailer

Food & Drinks

- ① Senior Bake Sale (8:30am until Sold Out)
- ② Pancake Breakfast (9:00am-11:00am)
- ③ BHBGC Snack Bar, Drinks & Deep Fried Oreos/Funnel Cake (11am-4pm)
- ④ Karate Club Grill (11am-4pm)
- ⑤ Beer Garden (11am-4pm)
- ⑥ Snow Cones & Cotton Candy

The map shows the event area in Berwyn Heights, Maryland. Key streets include Baldry Avenue, Indian Creek, Berwyn Road, 59th Avenue, 58th Avenue, 57th Avenue, 56th Avenue, 55th Avenue, 54th Avenue, 53rd Avenue, 52nd Avenue, 51st Avenue, 50th Avenue, 49th Avenue, 48th Avenue, 47th Avenue, 46th Avenue, 45th Avenue, 44th Avenue, 43rd Avenue, 42nd Avenue, 41st Avenue, 40th Avenue, 39th Avenue, 38th Avenue, 37th Avenue, 36th Avenue, 35th Avenue, 34th Avenue, 33rd Avenue, 32nd Avenue, 31st Avenue, 30th Avenue, 29th Avenue, 28th Avenue, 27th Avenue, 26th Avenue, 25th Avenue, 24th Avenue, 23rd Avenue, 22nd Avenue, 21st Avenue, 20th Avenue, 19th Avenue, 18th Avenue, 17th Avenue, 16th Avenue, 15th Avenue, 14th Avenue, 13th Avenue, 12th Avenue, 11th Avenue, 10th Avenue, 9th Avenue, 8th Avenue, 7th Avenue, 6th Avenue, 5th Avenue, 4th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 1st Avenue. Landmarks include Indian Creek Playground, Grand Strand, Senior Center & Town Office, Sports Park, and Elem. School & Comm. Center. Activity locations are marked with numbered circles 1 through 9.

**** If Sports Park field is not dry on day of event, all activities from field will be moved to the parking lot and crafters & vendor booths will extend up Berwyn Road towards the Town Center. Concert will move to the Town Center parking lot.**

Berwyn Heights Day 2018

Saturday, May 5th

8:00-8:30 am	Fun Run Registration at Town Center
8:30-9:30 am	Fun Run from Town Center around Lake Artemesia
8:30 am-Sold Out	Seniors Bake Sale at the Senior Center
9:00-11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast at Town Center, Upper Level
12:00 pm	Parade from Berwyn Heights Elementary to Sports Park
1:30 pm	Historical Tour hosted by the BHHC
11:00-4:00 pm	Festivities at Sports Park including:

The Grand Strand— Parade Announcement, “Citizen(s) of the Year” Award will be presented, and DJ/Dance Music

The Marketplace—Mother’s Day is right around the corner. Stop by & grab a gift for mom, or yourself at one of our many Crafter or Vendor Tables.

Information & Volunteer Booths—Learn more about Local Businesses, Town Groups & Organizations

Food Court— Something for everyone! Hot-Dogs, Burgers & BBQ at the Karate Club Grill; Fried Oreos, Funnel Cakes, Snacks & Drinks at the Boys & Girls Club Snack Bar; Snow Cones, Cotton Candy & more!

Rides & Attractions— Clown, Balloon Artist, Warrior Challenge Obstacle Course, Vertical Rush Combo Inflatable, Carousel Moonbounce, Train Ride, Kids Games & More!

Beer Garden—Grab a “cold one” to support the Boys & Girls Club.
(Must be 21 or over with Valid ID, to be Consumed within Designated Area)

Live Concert—The Hall Brothers, 1pm-4pm

***In Case of Severe Rain:** Activities will be moved to 6200 Pontiac Street. Kids Games, Rides and DJ will be in the Community Center Gym; Food, Craft Vendors, and Concert will be in the BHES Multipurpose Room.

Coming up: Rock Concert, June 10th—See next month’s bulletin for details!

Next Rec Council Meeting is Tues. June 5th at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room next to Town Center.

Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 5th, 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia.

Post-race refreshments served! This race is non-competitive!



Registration begins at 8:00 am at the Town Center

Cost \$10.00 per adult | \$5.00 per child 13-17 | \$2.00 12 and under | Strollers FREE.

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE) CHILD: 8-10 14-16

ADULT: S M L XL XXL

*All registrants receive a commemorative T-Shirt (while supplies last)
Quantities are limited and distribution is on a first come, first serve basis*

WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 _____

Mayor Cheryl Jewitt's FY 2019 Budget Message

Hello residents,

I would like to highlight a few major expenditures for the proposed FY 2019 budget. I am proud to announce that the budget holds both the real property tax rates and personal property tax at the same rates as last year. Simply put, the Council is not raising tax rates.

Recently the Council decided to move forward with some significant infrastructure projects. After a block by block assessment of the roads within Berwyn Heights indicated that five phases of re-pavement would repair all our streets, the Council voted to complete Phase I of the Street Improvement Survey with funds from the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve. These are streets rated in poor condition. For Phase II, the Town is exploring participating in a State infrastructure bond program to cover the full cost of \$1,100,000.

Berwyn Heights partnered with College Park and Greenbelt for an Urban Land Institute and Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) in the summer of 2018 to develop actionable recommendations to improve Greenbelt Road between Baltimore Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue. The Town contributed \$1,500 to the TAP with additional funds programmed from economic development efforts in FY 2019.

In an effort to recruit and retain our employees, we must maintain required certifications and enhance professional development efforts through increased funding for training and conferences across all departments. The Council has agreed to a 1.5% cost of living adjustment, and based on the annual performance evaluation score, a merit increase of 0%, 2%, or 4%.

The FY 2019 proposed budget has some very specific expenditures to help the efficiency of the Public Works Department and their operations:

- \$30,000 for the Town's contribution to the 4 Cities street sweeper replacement purchase. We share this sweeper with College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton,
- \$25,000 for replacing the failing Public Works service bay doors, and
- \$18,000 for replacing the dump body and salt spreader on the 2004 F-350 in the Public Works fleet in lieu of incurring the expense of entirely replacing the vehicle at a cost of \$70,000.

A decade ago, the Town exercised the authority to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) encompasses the commercial and industrial properties. The Town benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors. The FY 2019 PSTD proposed budget recommends maintaining the current tax rates.

We will close FY 2018 with no debt; however, FY 2019 promises to offer the completion of overdue projects such as the fixing of our roads, to benefit all residents of this charming town.

Best,

Cheryl Jewitt

Mayor,

Town of Berwyn Heights

One-Page Summary - General Fund FY 2019 Introduced Budget

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Introduced	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,277,093	\$ 1,276,732	\$ 1,386,042	\$ 1,529,024	\$ 1,655,424	8%
Penalties on Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,806	\$ 5,620	\$ 4,587	\$ -	\$ -	
Personal Property Tax	\$ 265,506	\$ 229,808	\$ 239,998	\$ 243,000	\$ 239,000	-2%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 98,753	\$ 96,347	\$ 104,017	\$ 105,241	\$ 112,825	7%
Income Tax	\$ 438,407	\$ 379,538	\$ 374,482	\$ 390,000	\$ 375,000	-4%
Refuse & Recycling Collection Fee	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 86,430	\$ 105,547	\$ 110,875	\$ 105,547	\$ 110,875	5%
Police Aid	\$ 51,430	\$ 44,981	\$ 53,497	\$ 51,430	\$ 53,497	4%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 133,824	\$ 143,823	\$ 141,203	\$ 139,900	\$ 147,400	5%
Service Charges	\$ 2,402	\$ 217	\$ 1,051	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental/Grants	\$ 25,220	\$ 6,174	\$ 157,675	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	0%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 100,379	\$ 78,809	\$ 65,189	\$ 95,000	\$ 93,000	-2%
Miscellaneous	\$ 297,665	\$ 302,444	\$ 293,528	\$ 303,350	\$ 298,850	-1%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,853,086	\$ 2,742,210	\$ 3,004,314	\$ 3,045,594	\$ 3,168,973	4%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ 467,561	\$ 198,833	\$ 7,736	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,177,490	1582%
Transfers from Fund Balance						
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
For Capital Projects	\$ 479	\$ 145,876	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 66,000	32%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,136,919	\$ 3,012,050	\$ 3,165,594	\$ 4,422,463	40%
Mayor and Council	\$ 24,207	\$ 24,430	\$ 25,522	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	0%
Town Administration	\$ 361,592	\$ 359,422	\$ 344,026	\$ 370,872	\$ 377,909	2%
Municipal Building	\$ 21,971	\$ 20,757	\$ 12,482	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,100	-6%
Town Center	\$ 45,877	\$ 31,717	\$ 25,008	\$ 25,350	\$ 24,200	-5%
Police Department	\$ 615,056	\$ 611,218	\$ 640,589	\$ 729,076	\$ 741,700	2%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 14,559	\$ 10,492	\$ 11,463	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,900	7%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 98,971	\$ 97,626	\$ 109,091	\$ 128,005	\$ 145,770	14%
Public Works	\$ 684,802	\$ 612,753	\$ 652,510	\$ 727,710	\$ 769,600	6%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 16,325	\$ 14,345	\$ 19,337	\$ 30,250	\$ 37,900	25%
Cable	\$ 10,492	\$ 17,563	\$ 10,966	\$ 30,400	\$ 30,400	0%
Insurance	\$ 88,408	\$ 94,281	\$ 97,555	\$ 107,100	\$ 117,600	10%
Employee Benefits	\$ 228,531	\$ 247,029	\$ 262,613	\$ 317,250	\$ 340,050	7%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 13,798	\$ 19,952	\$ 13,075	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Consultant Services	\$ -	\$ 60,428	\$ 28,885	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Operating Expenditures	\$ 39,286	\$ 34,881	\$ 34,669	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 383,513	\$ 498,607	\$ 522,691	\$ 412,581	\$ 392,969	-5%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,647,388	\$ 2,755,501	\$ 2,810,482	\$ 2,955,594	\$ 3,055,098	3%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 673,738	\$ 472,254	\$ 7,736	\$ 210,000	\$ 1,367,365	551%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,227,755	\$ 2,818,218	\$ 3,165,594	\$ 4,422,463	40%
Net Total	\$ 0	\$ (90,836)	\$ 193,832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve Balances						
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	
Cable TV Reserve	81,948	95,109	114,553	110,669	114,553	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	553,790	752,520	976,702	1,112,980	78,315	
Emergency Trailer Reserve	4,448	6,956	8,493	6,956	8,493	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	318,609	159,077	252,477	334,270	384,414	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve	108,456	330,900	531,300	691,300	891,300	
Total Dedicated Reserves	\$ 1,519,251	\$ 1,796,562	\$ 2,335,525	\$ 2,816,175	\$ 2,037,075	
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 985,096	\$ 789,220	\$ 789,220	\$ 683,970	\$ 713,220	

**One-Page Summary - Public Safety Taxing District
FY 2019 Introduced Budget**

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Introduced	\$ Variation	% Variation
Revenues							
Real Estate Tax - Current Year	\$ 40,583	\$ 37,953	\$ 24,528	\$ 50,750	\$ 53,000	\$ 2,250	4%
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	\$ 416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Personal Property Tax	\$ 30,339	\$ 25,534	\$ 67,245	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000	7%
Penalty & Interest on Real Estate Tax	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Penalty & Interest on Personal Property Tax	\$ 1,551	\$ 243	\$ 41	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
Total Receipts	\$ 72,968	\$ 63,730	\$ 91,814	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Transfer from PSTD Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 35,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 72,968	\$ 99,173	\$ 91,814	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Expenditures							
Police Services	\$ 60,344	\$ 62,522	\$ 68,900	\$ 75,250	\$ 79,200	\$ 3,950	5%
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,512	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,800	\$ 300	5%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 63,856	\$ 67,747	\$ 74,120	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Capital Budget - Police Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 34,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 63,856	\$ 102,628	\$ 74,120	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Net Total (transferred to Fund Balance)	\$ 9,112	\$ (3,455)	\$ 17,694	\$ -	\$ -		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562		
Fund Balance Accumulated or (Used)	\$ 9,112	\$ (651)	\$ 17,694	\$ -	\$ -		
Capital Budget Purchases	\$ -	\$ (34,792)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562		



Historical Committee



Do you recognize this home? It is one of the first homes built in this subdivision and was lovingly restored about 10 years ago.

Stop by our Tent on
Berwyn Heights Day

Saturday, May 5 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm

- Find out about historic homes
- Collect our new historic homes magnet
- Learn solution to our mystery house shown on the left:

“Wive Pailcot”

(Re-arrange letters to solve puzzle)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Visit our booth on Berwyn Heights Day, May 5

NEXT MEETING: April 24 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

Contact: Debby Steele-Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com | BHHC website: <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

Worksession

March 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Dana Brown, Parkdale High School Community Resource Advocate.

Mayor Jewitt made changes to the agenda as guest presenter Dana Brown was delayed.

3. Minutes (discussed out of order)

On a motion by CM Shields, seconded by CM Dennison, the February 20 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The February 14 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

2. Discussion Items (discussed out of order)

Strategic Plan update: TA Cowles provided an update on the strategic plan adopted by the Town Council in fall of 2016. The strategic plan is broken down into a series of action items that allow for a step-by-step implementation of the Council's long-term priorities.

1. Strategic Issue-Infrastructure/ Public Safety:

Short-term measures to improve facility adequacy and security have been largely achieved. Outstanding tasks include the creation of an electronic archive from the Town's paper records; security improvements around the Town Center; and development of an RFP for an architectural engineering study to create better work spaces for the Administration, Code and Police Departments.

2. Strategic Issue-Infrastructure:

The goal of creating a system to bring Town roads up to standard has been achieved. An assessment of the condition of Town roads and a schedule for their repair was completed late last year. Phase I of road renovations is expected to start in the summer of 2018.

3. Strategic Issue-Community Engagement:

Efforts to improve communications with residents and businesses are ongoing. There are plans for surveying residents and businesses on their communication preferences. Meanwhile, the Town continues to use newsletters, the website

and social media to reach residents. TA Cowles will try to obtain the results of a Green Team online survey that included communications preferences.

Efforts to increase residents' participation in Town activities are ongoing. The Town is publicizing important information in English and Spanish and is reaching out to local schools.

4. Strategic Issue-Town Aesthetics:

The goal of increasing the tree canopy and maintaining species diversity is partially complete. The Town worked with Pepco on a tree replanting plan, and is educating residents on the value of protecting trees with the help of the Green Team/ Shade Tree Board. This year's budget has funds to purchase GIS software to manage the tree canopy as well as to perform tree maintenance work.

Beautification efforts are ongoing. A "Citizen of the year" plaque has been installed at Pop's Park. New plantings are planned for the Town entrance at Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue and a design for new welcome signs is needed.

1. Strategic Issue-Economic Development:

The goal of implementing the County Sector Plan for the commercial corridor along Route 193 has made progress in a couple of areas. The Town filed an application with the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) for *sustainable communities* designation, which will provide access to new funding sources and expertise. The Town is also working with Greenbelt and College Park on an Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP) to develop actionable recommendations for making improvements along the Route 193 commercial corridor. The owners of Beltway Plaza Mall made a recent \$1,000 contribution to funding the Panel. The need for further economic development technical assistance may be determined based on the results of the ULI TAP.

1. Parkdale High School funding request

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Dana Brown, who heads the *Girl Power* mentoring program at Parkdale High School and had contacted Mayor Jewitt with a donation request. Mayor Jewitt briefed the Council on the program at the last worksession but could not answer all their questions. Ms. Brown was invited to give an overview of the mentoring pro-

gram.

Ms. Brown explained that the program started 3 years ago with a request from a support group for 24 9th grade Latina girls transitioning from middle school to Parkdale High School. Since then the program has grown to over 60 participants, mostly through word of mouth, and is open to all girls. The program aims to engage underachieving and at-risk students. Participants meet for 18 bi-weekly sessions focusing on self-improvement and acquiring life skills. As an incentive for self-improvement, three \$2,000 scholarships are offered for attending college or other schools of continued education to the most improved student in the areas of 1) academic studies, 2) school attendance and 3) behavior/ attitude.

In response to questions, Ms. Brown said that this is the first year in which scholarships are awarded. Donations are deposited in an account managed by Parkdale's bookkeeper, and released to the winners upon successful graduation and receipt of an acceptance letter from an accredited school of their choice. Girls who are average students are equally eligible to compete for a scholarship. Ms. Brown did not have information at hand as to whether Berwyn Heights' students currently participate in the program. CM Rasmussen said he hopes the Town's support for this program is a first step in building a better relationship with Parkdale High School, and making it a more attractive option for Berwyn Heights students. Ms. Brown invited Councilmembers to visit Parkdale High School, and to participate in an advisory committee that works to build a support network and anchor the school more firmly in the community.

After Ms. Brown's departure, the Council further discussed the value of the program. MPT Kulpa-Eddy, CM Rasmussen and Mayor Jewitt expressed support. CM Shields was skeptical that the program would benefit Berwyn Heights students. The Council voted 4 - 0 - 1, with CM Shields abstaining, to make a one-time donation of \$2,000 to the *Girl Power* program.

2. Discussion Items (continued)

Town Administrator FY 2019 budget presentation: TA Cowles provided line item spreadsheets of the proposed FY 2019 General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budgets, as well memoranda summarizing important budget changes. The budget is focused on funding the Council's priorities as laid

out in the 2016 strategic plan, as follows:

- \$1,238,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve and incoming Highway User Revenues (HUR) to fund Phase I of road repairs, comprising those sections of road rated "poor."

- 26% increase in PRECA funding to improve community engagement, including funds for a concert series, Green Team environmental education and tree preservation efforts, and Police Department community and business outreach activities.

- Additional funds for enhancing the tree canopy through replanting efforts.

- \$30,000 reprogrammed from FY 2018 for economic development activities. Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt are partnering in an Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel, which will develop actionable recommendations for improvement along the Route 193 commercial corridor.

- \$40,000 reprogrammed from FY 2018 for an architectural engineering study of Town facilities to improve work spaces for the Administration, Code and Police Department staff.

- 1 ½ % COLA plus merit increases, ranging from 0% to 4% based on the annual performance evaluations, as well as across-the-board increases in the conferences & training appropriations to enhance opportunities for professional development of Town staff and remain competitive with surrounding jurisdictions.

- Capital purchases comprising \$30,000 for Berwyn Heights' contribution to a new Four Cities street sweeper; \$18,000 for the replacement of the dump body of a Public Works dump truck; \$25,000 for the replacement of the service bay doors at the Public Works yard.

In response to Councilmembers questions, TA Cowles said that the budget increases are predicated on an expected 8.2% increase in real property tax receipts. Income tax receipts are budgeted conservatively at \$375,000. A 10% increase in Public Works salaries is mostly

due to raising the hours of a part-time administrative assistant from 15 to 30 hours per week, plus a newly mandated paid sick leave for part-time employees. The salary increases also reflect the first full year of bringing employees up to the minimum rate in the new pay plan.

Animal Ordinance: MPT Kulpa-Eddy distributed two versions of Ordinance 101 – Animals. Version I retains the Town's authority to enforce animal violations, i.e., to write citations, assess fines and impound animals. Version II was developed based on the Council's conversation with Rodney Taylor, Chief of the Prince George's County Animal Services Division, and hands enforcement authority over to the County with some exceptions: the Town's Code officers may continue to serve as initial point of contact to determine if a complaint has merit before it is turned over to the County, and Police would respond to any immediate threats to health or safety in connection with animals.

TA Cowles reported that the Police and Code Department reviewed the Ordinance and gave feedback. The Police Department was skeptical it could enforce a provision mandating that cats must be confined to an owner's property. The Code Department expressed willingness to take animal training offered by the County, but did not think the Town has the resources to enforce animal violations. Municipalities that exercise this authority usually have a full-time animal control officer, a specially equipped vehicle for transporting animals, and a temporary holding facility.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended the Council move forward by introducing version II, which acknowledges that the Town does not currently have the ability to take on full-fledged enforcement of animal violations. For introduction the Town still needs to obtain the County's book of standards for the proper care of domestic animals to be referenced in the Ordinance.

CM Rasmussen had several suggestions for improving the Ordinance, including: 1) retaining the detailed animal welfare standards currently in the Ordinance in addition to referencing the book of standards, while noting that the stricter standard shall apply; 2) having a definition for animal nuisance behavior other than uttering of loud noise exceeding a specified decibel level; 3) adding an option for a Town code officer to leave a verbal notice for animal violations in addition to

a written notice; and 4) replacing the term "disposing" with "processing" of an animal.

5. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt regretted that some residents experienced power outages during a recent wind storm, and thanked first responders for taking care of downed wires on 60th Avenue. As a member of the MML community outreach committee, she is working on increasing participation in the "If I were Mayor" contest. She also enjoyed talking with residents at the recent potluck event.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Police checked on her welfare during the windstorm; that WSSC plans a sewer repair and rehabilitation project between June 2018 and June 2019, which will affect lines on 63rd Avenue between Ruatan and Tecumseh Streets; and that she attended a County Council District 3 get-together hosted by Dannielle Glaros. A Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) transit vision plan is being developed on which residents can comment via an online survey or by attending a public hearing. County Council Chair Glaros will hold a Town Hall meeting on April 11, where citizens can speak with representatives from many County agencies.

CM Rasmussen reported he lost a tree in his back yard during the wind storm. Last week he met with Code Supervisor Glass and TA Cowles to discuss how to handle property owners who are slow to come into compliance. The Code Department developed a new refuse violation notice that can be attached to a bin, with copies for the Code and Public Works Department, as part of an ongoing effort to improve the refuse and recycling disposal process. Business licensing will be transferred from the Administration to the Code Department, increasing the salary expenses for the Department. The next Council may have to undertake a couple of minor Ordinance revisions to clarify snow removal responsibilities on sidewalks and to remove the copy-righted word "PODs" from Ordinance 104.

CM Shields announced an upcoming CERT training workshop and reported that the County called up CERT teams to respond to an apartment complex in Suitland, where walls had collapsed during the wind storm. He continues to accept comments on plans to install bike lanes along Campus Drive (formerly Paint Branch Parkway) between Cpl. Frank Scott Drive and Kenilworth Avenue, which he will forward to the appropriate

County official. Town organizations are encouraged to comment on the revised organization policy he recently distributed. A Knitting Circle, which came into being last year has ceased to meet. A Needle Arts Society operating in College Park might be possible an alternative.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities. The Budget Worksession was confirmed as being changed from March 24 to Friday, March 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Town Meeting

March 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, BHPD Corporal Scott Krouse, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Public Works Director Ken Hall, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Maryland Milestones/ATHA Executive Director Aaron Marcavitch and citizens. Chief Antolik had an excused absence.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the February 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison, seconded by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 3 – 0 – 2, with Mayor Jewitt and CM Rasmussen abstaining.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that TA Cowles gave the Council an update on the strategic plan at the last worksession. Most markers towards implementing its goals have been accomplished on time, thanks largely to the diligent work of Town staff. At its March 23 budget worksession, the Council will decide how to go about funding the renovation of Town streets, among other things, based on a rating system developed by Public Works Director Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live. The heads of Town organizations are invited to present their budgets and should contact CM Shields if they intend to do so.

Mayor Jewitt said College Park recently

awarded a \$2,500 grant to Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) and other local schools attended by College Park students. The State Highway Administration (SHA) denied a request to add a green arrow for turning traffic to a light at the Greenbelt Road/ Cunningham Drive intersection, where a number of accidents have occurred in recent months.

Mayor Jewitt announced the candidates for the May 1 Town Council election: Patricia Dennison, Stephen Isler, Jason Papanikolas, Christopher Rasmussen, Ethan Sweep, and Lynn White.

Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended a WSSC meeting, at which information about a sewer rehabilitation project in this area was discussed. This includes a portion of the 63rd Avenue sewer line between Ruatan Street and Tecumseh Place that will be relined between June 2018 and June 2019. She also attended an open house on a review of the County's *The Bus* system currently in progress. Route 16 coming through Berwyn Heights is one of the top 5 routes in terms of ridership. Based on public comments received to date, bus frequency may be increased to every 45 minutes and longer weekend hours and Saturday service are being contemplated. There are plans to improve the County call-a-bus system as well with an Uber-type reservation system. A draft transit vision plan is scheduled for release in early May. Further, County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros will hold another Town Hall meeting on April 11, at which representatives from many County agencies will be present to answer questions.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for February. CM Rasmussen commented that the reimbursement from the Town's health insurance carrier, LGIT, received for the low number of claims of filed, should not be taken as encouragement of employees to forgo a doctor's visit if they are sick. Ms. Rodriguez said she is planning to utilize some of the funds to establish a wellness program for employees, which might include walk-in clinics and any other activity that helps keep them healthy.

Town Administrator's Report: TA Cowles reported that she was busy completing the proposed FY 2019 budget, which was presented to the Council on March 5. The Town received word that it obtained its *sustainable community* des-

ignation from the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), which was also approved by the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet, and thanked those that were part of the workgroup completing the application. The Administration Department last month completed State-mandated amendments of the Town's Ethics Ordinance, approved by the Council at the February Town meeting. Senior staff is now working on preparations for the March 23 budget worksession and a June 4-5 Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel for improving the Route 193 commercial corridor. County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros has been invited and will be sent a briefing book. Lastly, directors are meeting with staff to discuss their completed performance evaluations.

Code Compliance: Supervisor Glass gave the Code Compliance report for February. A total of 38 code violations were issued, of which 20 have been closed; 3 building permits, and 5 dumpster permits were also issued. Ten rental licenses were granted, 16 inspections and 5 re-inspections were performed. Rental properties number 214 and vacant properties 12. In response to questions, Supervisor Glass said code violations that are not resolved can carry over to the next month, and be counted among those totals. On average there are 6-7 violations per month in that category. Re-inspections are conducted when rental inspections reveal issues that need to be fixed.

CM Rasmussen said less money has been budgeted for receipts from code fines in FY 2019 because of the Department's cooperative approach to resolving code violations, including through individual meetings with people who received violations. Further, the Council may reopen the Clean Lot Ordinance because the responsibility of residents for clearing sidewalks from snow was not addressed when it was amended in 2016. Another option would be for the Town to take on responsibility for clearing all sidewalks.

CM Rasmussen continued that the company which makes PODs has asked the Town to delete the word "POD" from its Building Ordinance because it is a trademark. The Ordinance would instead refer to temporary storage containers. Residents are reminded that such containers are intended for temporary use and require a permit from the Town. At a Senior's Club meeting, the issues of areas with insufficient street lighting and unsafe pedestrian crossings at Greenbelt Road were brought up for the Council's consid-

eration.

Triggered by an inquiry from a resident, CM Rasmussen suggested the next Council may want to reconsider whether the Town should issue building permits and charge a permit fee. Residents who want to build a new structure are currently required to first obtain a County building permit and then a Town permit. However, unlike the County, the Town does not have staff with the technical knowledge to review and approve building plans, and inspect structures once they have been built, raising the question of what value is added by the Town's permitting process.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields reported he is working on renewing the Town's "Banner City" designation. As one of the requirements, he has attended the monthly PGCA meetings, where one of the topics of discussion was the failure of residents to claim the homestead tax exemption. He has also circulated a revised draft of the Town organizations policy and is waiting for additional comments from the organizations. He reminded residents to vote in the May 1 Town Council election.

Stephen Isler, Parks & Recreation aide, paid tribute to Pi Day, celebrated on March 14. Then he reported copies of the revised Town organizations policy, as well as a questionnaire on how to improve citizen participation in Town activities were given to all Town committees and groups. Town committee chairs have been invited to attend the upcoming budget worksession to present their budgets. Further, NW/EP has started a maintenance log for keeping the emergency trailer in good working order. Mr Isler concluded with an announcement of upcoming events and an invitation to Town organizations to participate in the Berwyn Heights Day parade.

Public Works: Director Hall reported the security improvements at the Public Works yard have been implemented. The new security cameras work great. Public Works and Code continue to collaborate on correcting refuse and recycling violations. Public Works employees completed a course of safety training, and are currently busy prepping equipment for the spring mowing season, mulching trees and getting Sports Park ready for the spring season. Water will be turned on in the parks at the end of March. Director Hall concluded with reporting the monthly refuse collection totals. In response to questions, he said that the Department is in the process of

recruiting a new administrative assistant.

Public Health and Safety: Cpl. Krouse gave the police activities report, as Chief Antolik was out sick. First, he asked two BHPD interns, who are criminal justice majors at Montgomery College, to introduce themselves. Mangley Weye said she hopes to become a probation or parole officer, and thanked the Town for giving her the opportunity to serve as an intern. Nick Thompson, an Army veteran who now serves with the National Guard, said he plans to become a patrol officer.

Cpl. Krouse then reported that there were 7 Part I offenses in February, slightly above the 5-year average of 5.4. Year-to-date, there were 9 Part I offenses, versus a 5-year average of 10.2. The police issued 136 state and municipal citations and 11 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Officers performed a number of house checks during the wind storm, and helped secure areas with downed trees and power outages. He advised that an increasing number of robberies are occurring at gas stations while drivers are out pumping gas. People should not leave purses and wallets in their unlocked cars at gas stations. Lastly, Cpl. Krouse invited residents to attend an April 7 Coffee with Cops event, where they can interact with the officers on informal basis.

Committee Reports

Green Team: Chair Amanda Dewey reported that the Green Team conducted an online survey about people's knowledge of the Town's sustainability initiatives and how they learn about programs and events. She thanked Silver Diner for donating 5 dinner coupons that were raffled off to survey participants. Sixty responses were received. The Green Team is celebrating the year of recycling and is organizing a trip to the Prince George's recycling facility on April 27. Residents can sign up to learn how materials are recycled and why there are so many recycling rules.

The Green Team is also launching an educational campaign about litter reduction through proper trash disposal, and has been chosen by the UMD Environmental Finance Center for a grant to install more pet waste stations. Residents are invited to give input on where these stations should go. Residents are invited to volunteer for any Green Team activities in which they are interested.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper gave the report as Chair Debby Steele-

Snyder was unable to attend. The BHC's spring reception is coming up on March 18, at which Aaron Marcavitch, the Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, will sign and give a lecture on his recently published book "US Route 1: Baltimore to Washington, D.C." The Town's museum will get a new storage cabinet to house the many artifacts and documents the BHC has collected over the years.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Shields thanked NW/EP for participating in the search for a missing man from Beltsville last month, who was later found dead near BWI airport. Mr. Isler added that NW/EP chair Mike Attick is absent tonight because he was in the hospital and is still recovering.

Recreation Council: Mr. Isler reported upcoming events, including an Easter Egg Hunt, Mariachi Concert, and Berwyn Heights Day.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Ordinance 101 – Animals: MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended that a motion be made to un-table Ordinance 101 from the February Town meeting for introduction tonight. On a motion by CM Shields and second by CM Dennison, the Ordinance was un-tabled 5 to 0. Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Animal Ordinance is proposed to be modified because it was last amended in 1993 and needs to be updated to align with current Prince George's County Code and the Town's Noise and Clean Lot Ordinances, both of which have sections dealing with animals. The Town's current Animal Ordinance contains obsolete provisions on impoundment, licensing and vicious animals that are no longer handled by the Town, but by the County. In addition, the amended Ordinance will incorporate new standards on the humane treatment of animals over which residents have expressed concern.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said this draft of the Ordinance is based on comments received from the Chief of the County's Animal Management Division and best practices of neighboring communities. The enforcement section of the amended Ordinance acknowledges that the Town does not issue citations for animal violations, nor does it have the resources to carry out impoundment of animals. However, the Council intends to offer training

to Police and Code staff to be able to better coordinate responses to animal violations with the County. In connection with updating the Ordinance, the animal complaint form will also be revised, and drafts of both posted to the Town's website. Residents are welcome to give input tonight, as well as during a formal hearing at the April 11 Town meeting prior to the planned adoption at the May Town meeting.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to introduce the amended Ordinance 101 – Animals. CM Dennison seconded. CM Rasmussen highlighted several changes made to the Town's Ordinance: To avoid possible conflicts between County and Town standards of animal welfare, the Town's Ordinance mandates that the stricter standard shall apply. The Town will continue to enforce violations of the Clean Lot and Noise Ordinances related to animals. However, complaints about nuisances caused by animals other than noise that exceeds a prescribed decibel level, such as frequent or prolonged barking, will not be handled by the Town, but would be referred to the County's Animal Control Commission for adjudication. The Board will require extensive documentation of the nuisance, and if found to be a violation, issue instructions to the animal owner on how to abate the problem. The Town retains the option to notify animal owners of an alleged animal violation to begin a process of remediation, and may notify the County if no progress is made.

The Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the Ordinance.

Citizens Discussion

Amanda Dewey, Quebec Place, thanked the Council for taking up the Animal Ordinance. The revised Ordinance will make the Town a leader in the field compared to other jurisdictions. Additional changes the Council might consider are imposing limits on unsupervised time an animal can be kept outside. This would encourage more responsible pet ownership and prevent neglect. She also endorsed temperature guidelines for outdoor shelters, a prohibition on tethering dogs, which Prince George's County plans to adopt, and proposed animal training of the Town's code staff. Lastly, Ms. Dewey suggested to clarify when an animal is a "threat", and ex-

plain the process by which an animal may be destroyed.

Dave Morris, 58th Avenue, commented that the amended Ordinance does not address the issue of stray cats. He is in the habit of feeding stray cats that come into his yard, and has trapped, neutered and immunized a couple of them. The cats are healthy and prefer to live out of doors. Section 4-P of the Ordinance seems to imply that all stray cats are nuisance animals by virtue of being repeatedly found at-large. He suggested that the Council clarify the status of feral cats and residents' responsibilities.

Mike Parnell, 58th Avenue, said he owns a dog that barks a lot, and expressed concern about the vague language defining a public nuisance animal as one that "unreasonably annoys humans"or "substantially interferes with a citizen's right to enjoy life and property." He asked who would make the determination of what is unreasonable, and suggested that this be left to the County to handle because it would be difficult to enforce the standard articulated in the Ordinance.

Maddie Allen, 60th Avenue, said she seconds what Ms. Dewey said. She and Ms. Dewey teamed up in 2016 to look into a case of a dog that was being kept outside day and night year-round and was in bad shape. She is glad the Ordinance is being updated to give more prominence to animal welfare issues. She hopes the Town becomes a leader in preventing animal abuse and neglect, in particular with respect to prohibiting tethering.

In response to further questions, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the standards for animal welfare were taken from the Prince George's County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). The standards for an outdoor shelter largely conform with federal and County regulations, but could be made more generous. There are no agreed-upon standards for minimum social interaction with a domestic animal set forth in any law she is aware of, but she can research it further.

Maddie Allen, 60th Avenue, said she has a neighbor who leaves their car idling for 10 minutes very early every morning. The exhaust has been modified and the idling is very noisy. She

asked if there is a law or an ordinance that would regulate this condition. Cpl. Krouse said that Ms. Allen might want to review Ordinance 153 - Noise to see if her situation is addressed in it.

5. ATHA/ Maryland Milestones Presentation (discussed out of order)

Executive Director of Maryland Milestones Aaron Marcavitch reported that funding for the Maryland Heritage Areas has increased from \$3 million to \$6 million. As a result, grant requests for the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) have doubled to \$400,000, of which 75% are likely to be approved. The additional money will fund a number of heritage tourism projects. It also makes possible larger ATHA mini-grants, more micro-grants, as well as new technical assistance grants through the Neighborhood Design Center.

Mr. Marcavitch announced the next meeting of the Intermunicipal bike-ped working group on March 27. It brings together representatives from municipalities, County agencies and bikeway advocates to collaborate on building and improving hiker-biker trails, while making sure trails connect. In May, the working group will host a guest speaker from western Maryland, who has worked on making the Allegheny Passage trail a success. He will talk about leveraging bike trails for economic development.

For the coming year, ATHA will celebrate a number of anniversaries: the 100th anniversary of airmail, the 200th anniversary of Frederick Douglas, and the year of the Anacostia River. Currently, he is busy publicizing his just-released book on the history of US Route 1, starting with a lecture in Berwyn Heights this coming Sunday. Lastly, ATHA has received additional funding to complete the Heritage Center in Hyattsville, and is looking for any donations of historic artifacts from member municipalities to exhibit in the Center.

In response to questions, Mr. Marcavitch said a new section of the trolley trail at the new Riverdale Park Station was temporarily closed to install bollards, lighting and a fence. The trail should reopen next week. College Park is working on fixing the last stretch of the trolley trail along Rhode

Island Avenue between Route 193 and the Agricultural Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Worksession

March 19, 2018

Executive Session (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

Citizen of the Year Selection

Regular Worksession (starting 7:00 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Green Team/ Shade Tree Board Chair Amanda Dewey.

Mayor Jewitt announced that TA Cowles has accepted another position and will be leaving Berwyn Heights in mid-May.

1. Action Items

There were none.

2. Discussion Items

Greenbelt annexation of land located in Town of Berwyn Heights boundaries: Mayor Jewitt said she was surprised to learn that the City of Greenbelt has taken action to annex a piece of land located within Berwyn Heights boundaries, as announced in a Greenbelt newspaper. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained the Greenbelt News Review ran a public notice of a charter amendment resolution by which Greenbelt enlarges its boundaries to include a small piece of land comprising 0.131 acres abutting the north-west corner of the property belonging to the National Ready Concrete Association. She asked TA Cowles if Greenbelt can do this since Berwyn Heights recently amended its charter to include this property based on existing maps.

TA Cowles said the property is referred to as parcel 192 on M-NCPPC maps and the current owner of the property, NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC, has petitioned it to be annexed

into Greenbelt. Greenbelt apparently intended to annex the parcel in 2006 with the other land to be developed as the Greenbelt Station south core. Clerk Harper noted the maps accompanying the Town's 2005 annexation resolutions do not include parcel 192. The resolutions with attachments were provided to the City of Greenbelt in October 2017 for the purpose of resolving another annexation issue on Branchville Road, and may have triggered the latest annexation action.

In discussion, Councilmembers agreed that Greenbelt did not act in good faith and should have notified Berwyn Heights about the issue first. TA Cowles was asked to consult with the Town Attorney as to whether anything can be done about the annexation.

PGC Zoning Ordinance – update on Staff Analysis of Stakeholder Comments: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that Prince George's County has released its response to the public comments it received on the comprehensive review draft of the new zoning ordinance. Some comments may have important ramifications for Berwyn Heights. For example, the Maryland Builders Association objected to neighborhood compatibility standards limiting the height of new buildings next to residential neighborhoods to 3 stories. If this request is accepted, developers would be able to build taller buildings.

All of Berwyn Heights' comments on the zoning ordinance were noted and answered, including on the likely impact of new zoning maps on Berwyn Heights (particularly properties in current MXT zones); availability of test cases for new subdivision standards (examples, such as Beltway Plaza, are now posted online); and certain activities permitted in new zones (e.g. bee-keeping in residential zones; slaughter houses in light industrial zones). No change was made to the provision allowing minor subdivisions (less than 15,000 square feet) to proceed without a neighborhood pre-application hearing, in which site plans would be presented to the community. Employees and residents of Berwyn Heights will need to maintain an awareness of these developments by monitoring sites for the still-required signboard notifications.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the next step in the zoning rewrite process is for the Planning Department to make any changes to the Zoning Ordinance based on these comments, and then send it to the County Council for approval. The County Council is expected to review the ordinance in the summer and approve it before the November elections. CM Rasmussen thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy for her in-depth study of the zoning rewrite process and detailed letters of comment. He hopes she will be available for consultation on these issues after she leaves the Council.

Animal Ordinance: The Council discussed the citizen comments that were received on the amended *Ordinance 101 - Animals* at the last Town meeting. Mayor Jewitt said among the issues that may need to be addressed is whether to allow the feeding of, and caring for feral cats and the potential problems feeding may entail with neighbors. MPT Kulpa-Eddy agreed this is a problem that could cause conflicts with neighbors. One way to address this issue might be to register a feral cat colony with Prince George's County, which has been done elsewhere. It also raises the issue of whether the feeding of other wild animals, such as birds, would fall into the same category. Another comment that may need further thought is whether to establish a standard for the socialization of pets.

Mayor Jewitt enumerated the issues citizens raised at the Town meeting mostly related to a more humane treatment of pets including: limits on tethering, stricter standards for keeping animals outside, more generous space requirements for outdoor shelters, minimum requirements for socialization and human interaction, and clarification of circumstances for destroying animals.

CM Rasmussen offered several changes to the Ordinance, including:

Section 4 P – Nuisance Animal: Strike the phrase “an animal that unreasonably annoys humans” to place focus on whether an animal “substantially interferes with the rights of citizens to enjoy their property”.

Section 4 D – At-Large: Clarify that an animal which is at-large is a domestic and not a wild animal.

Section 4: Add a provision on hoarding animals. The issue might be addressed in a new definition with a reference to Prince George's County code, which has provisions on hoarding.

Section 7 – Enforcement: Clarify Code Department's authority in referring any animal violations, other than violations subject to the Noise or Clean Lot Ordinances, to the County for enforcement. Specify agency or process for making the determination to destroy an animal.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy will incorporate the changes discussed tonight into the next draft, to be revisited at the April 2 worksession. A marked-up version of the current Animal Ordinance showing all changes made to-date will be provided for the public hearing at the April 11 Town meeting.

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board: Mayor Jewitt welcomed Amanda Dewey, Chair of the Shade Tree Board, to discuss the Shade Tree Board's merger with the Green Team. Ms. Dewey said that the Shade Tree Board started operating last summer under the direction of former Public Works Director Cox. After his departure, the Board re-examined its role and mission. It concluded that the current Board members do not have the expertise to carry out the mandate set forth in Section 2 of *Ordinance 122 - Urban Forest* to "study, investigate, counsel, inventory and develop and/or update and administer a written plan for tree care..." The Board, which is now down to 4 members, decided not to try to revise the Ordinance to fit current circumstances, but to merge with the Green Team and focus on education and outreach.

Ms. Dewey said she is here tonight to inform the Council of the changes to the Shade Tree Board's organization and modus operandi, and to get the Council's approval for functioning as a sub-committee of the Green Team. She recommended that the Town seek to recruit professionals, or people with the appropriate expertise to carry out the responsibilities outlined in the Ordinance. The Council had no objections in principle to the arrangement, as the Urban Forest Ordinance does not seem to preclude the Shade Tree Board to function in this manner. However, the Board is requested to

provide a description of its new status and responsibilities for the Council's review.

Ms. Dewey also asked for the Council's guidance on whether to pursue regulations to protect trees on private property. This could include a permit requirement for removing healthy, mature trees and a program to plant new trees to replace lost trees. She and TA Cowles have reviewed tree ordinances from Mount Rainier and Hyattsville to see how they handle this issue. These cities each have a Board or Commission that helps regulate the planting, maintenance and removal of shade trees, both on public and private property. However, private trees must be deemed worthy of preservation based on size or other exceptional qualities, to fall under the purview of the ordinance. A permit requirement might or might not have a fee associated with it. Alternatively, property owners might just be required to talk to the Town before they remove a shade tree.

Councilmembers said that many residents have reservations about a permit requirement, and feel that they should be able to remove trees on their property at their discretion. The issue might have to be decided through a referendum. Further, liability issues should be considered if a tree the Town did not permit to be removed topples over and damages private property. If the Town does take on the authority to decide tree removals on private property, it will need access to an arborist to evaluate whether a particular tree is healthy or a hazard. The Council concluded the focus should be on engaging and educating residents and on preserving and increasing trees on public property.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison, seconded by CM Shields, the March 5 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

5. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that she enjoyed attending the BHHC spring reception featuring a book signing and presentation by Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Maryland Mile-

stones. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Rasmussen also attended the event and agreed that Mr. Marcavitch did a great job presenting his book on the history of US Route 1.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that County Council Chair Glaros will host her spring Town Hall on April 11, and that residents can still give input on the County's *The Bus* service via an online DPW&T survey. The Bus Route 16 coming through Berwyn Heights is being considered for increased service, including after hours and Saturday service. MPT Kulpa-Eddy participated in the Berwyn Heights Elementary School garden cleanup. Many people came out to help. On April 21, the PGC composting facility in Upper Marlboro will host *Mulch Madness* when county residents can pick up free mulch.

CM Rasmussen reported he received a comment from a resident asking why the County is now requiring a permit for an accessory structure that was built years ago. The same issue was also raised on the *Next Door* list server. At the BHHC event, he spoke with Recreation Council President Susan Jones, and received word that Berwyn Heights Day preparations are going well. She will attend the Council's budget worksession on March 23. CM Rasmussen asked if the Humvee has been transferred to the Town of Rising Sun. TA Cowles said the transfer is complete.

CM Shields reported that Park & Planning is doing a good job cleaning up Lake Artemesia park, where he has seen no wind-blown trash recently. At the last PGCMA meeting he attended, topics of discussion included a road tax, and a law that would allow green card holders, who are on a path to citizenship, to become police officers. CM Shields was offered a position on the PGCMA board but had to decline as he will not be on the Council after this term ends.

5. Town Council Schedule

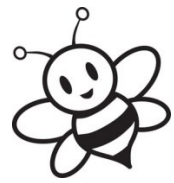
The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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Our next meeting will be Thursday May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.
All residents are welcome to attend!

Come by our table during Berwyn Heights Day!

Saturday, May 5th

- Tree saplings giveaway, supplies are limited!
- Guided nature walk with a park ranger
- Scavenger hunt for kids



Town Clean Up Day!

Saturday, May 12th 10am – 12pm

Registration 10am at the town center

Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free!
Community service hours available.

- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes
- We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers)



Reasons to volunteer

- BH Day produces a lot of litter! Trash is quite visible in our small town.
- Help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept
- Our town is right along Indian Creek. During heavy rains, trash in our neighborhood gets swept up and washes down into the creek and our storm drains. This trash can end up in the Chesapeake Bay, further adding to the pollution of this precious resource.
- Make waterways safer, healthier place for wildlife and people.

Seeking Volunteer Recycle Patrollers for BH Day!

Help to make
Berwyn Heights Day
a greener event by
volunteering as a Recycling Patroller!
Recycling Patrollers help their
neighbors dispose of their waste
properly by letting them know what
waste is recyclable and what is not.



Patrollers will monitor the trash and recycling receptacles around the event in 2-3 hours shifts. **Students can earn SSL hours for participating!**

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Town Center
1pm-4pm**

The Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee invites you to join us for a Town Hall meeting to discuss issues of importance regarding our local high school. We will be joined by leaders of our and the Prince George's County education system.



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14

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Recent Working Incidents:

March 25– Squad 14 was alerted to the intersection of Cherry Hill Rd & Plum Orchard Dr. in Beltsville for the accident with entrapment. BHVFD arrived and quickly extricated the patient.

April 2– Truck 14 & Squad 14 were alerted to the 7300blk Galileo Way in Lanham for a House Fire. Units arrived to find fire coming from the roof.

April 8– Truck 14 & Chief 14B responded to the 4600 block of Usange St in Beltsville. Units arrived to find a working House Fire.

April 8– Truck 14 & Chief 14B again responded to the 4600 block of Usange St in Beltsville for reports of a House Fire re-kindling. Units arrived to find smoke showing and the house on fire again.

April 9– Truck 14 & Chief 14A responded to the 5000Blk of Muskogee St in College Park for the House Fire. Truck 14 was first arriving to find heavy fire showing from a House. Chief 14A was the interior supervisor overseeing crews battling the fire on the 1st floor. The occupants were removed and cred for by the crew of Truck 14 until EMS units arrived.

April 9– While other BHVFD units operated in the fire in College Park, Ambulance 14 was alerted to Pontiac St/Kenilworth Ave in Berwyn Heights for an accident with reported persons trapped. Ambo 14 arrived and confirmed entrapment, and the patients were extricated by PGFD Squad 6.

April 10– Squad 14 & Ambo 14 extricated a driver trapped after a tractor trailer stuck a vehicle in the IL of I-495 at Balt/Wash Pkway in Greenbelt. Ambo 14 transported the patient to area hospital.

April 13– Squad 14 & Chief 14 were first arriving units for a fire at a PEPCO sub-station off Metzert Rd near the National Archives in College Park. BHVFD units arrived to find a large transformer had blown and started a fast-moving brush fire. Due to the "Red Flag" conditions (extremely dry & windy) that day the fire rapidly spread to the wood line and began threatening homes and structures. While Squad 14's crew split up and began brush fire operations, Chief 14 assumed command and requested a 2nd Alarm as-signment and several wildland firefighting resources. Crews worked to contain the brush fire for several hours until it came under control. Fire crews remained on scene for over 19 hours to hit "hot spots". Montgomery FD Tower 24 & Moco Ambo 12 were transferred to BHVFD to assist Ambo 14 cover the area during the incident.

BHVFD Call Volume: March 2018	
Rescue Squads:	175
Ladder Truck:	90
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	0
Ambulance:	233
Total Runs March 2018:	501

GRILLING & BBQ SAFETY

It's that time of year to light the grills and BBQ's! Before your next cookout be sure to follow these simple safety tips to ensure your family and property are not in danger:

- 1. Grill outside and away from any structures!** Charcoal and gas grills are designed for outdoor use only. Pay attention to overhanging tree branches when you set up your grill.
- 2. Make sure your grill is stable!** Only set up your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill can't be tipped over. Consider using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.
- 3. Keep your grill clean** Remove grease or fat buildup from both the grill and the tray below the grill. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to completely cool off before disposing of them in a metal container.
- 4. Check for propane leaks on your gas grill** Before the season's first barbecue, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a propane leak, the solution will bubble.



- 5. If the flame goes out, wait to re-light** If you are using a gas grill and the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas off, then wait at least five minutes to re-light it.
- 6. Take care around the grill** Never leave a lit grill unattended. Don't allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill will stay hot for at least an hour after use.
- 7. Be careful with charcoal starter fluid** If you use a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, don't add any starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- 8. Wear the right clothing!** They can easily catch fire, so be sure your shirt tails, sleeves or apron strings don't dangle over the grill.
- 9. Be ready to put out the fire** Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you don't have a fire extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out grease fire.



These easy-to-follow tips will help you and your family to enjoy a safe summer barbecuing season!



MARCH Police Beat

Monday 03/05/2018 at 5:00 am, 'THEFT'
Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the X-Tra Fuel gas station on Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of a purse. Victim advised that she pulled into the gas station located at 5919 Greenbelt Road about 5:05 AM. While she was in the station to pay for the fuel, she heard a loud noise outside. She went out and observed that the passenger window on her 2008 blue Nissan had been smashed out and her purse sitting in the front passenger seat was missing.

Monday 03/05/2018 at 8:25 am, 'ARMED ARMORED CAR ROBBERY'
Officers responded to the State Employee Credit Union (SECU) located at 6011 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD for the report of an armored car robbery of a Loomis Armored Car. Victim advised that he was servicing an ATM machine in the drive through lane, when he heard his driver honk the horn. The victim turned around and observed two males approaching him, pointing their handguns at him. One of the suspects told the victim to run away. In fear for his life, the victim ran away towards the SECU building. The suspects grabbed the empty bag the victim was holding and ran away, getting into a black four door BMW. The black, four door BMW fled towards Cunningham Drive. Suspect #1: B/M, unknown age, 5'8"-5'11", medium build, light complexion, all black clothing to include pants, shoes, hoodie jacket, hat, mask, and gloves, and black handgun. Suspect #2: B/M, unknown age, 5'11"-6'0", medium build, light complexion, all black clothing to include pants, shoes, hoodie jacket, hat, mask, and gloves, and black handgun.

Monday 03/05/2018 at 1:30 pm, 'VANDALISM TO AUTO'
Officers responded to the 6200 Pontiac Street for a report of a vandalism to a vehicle. Unknown person(s) broke her window with a rock.

Friday 03/09/2018 at 6:30 pm, 'ASSAULT'
Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 58th Avenue for a report of an assault. Victim stated that he was assaulted "choked" by a known person after a verbal domestic dispute between him and his wife. Case will be forwarded

to Investigative Service.

Sunday 03/11/2018 at 3:48 pm, 'THEFT'
Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the Extra Fuel gas station on Greenbelt Road for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim parked her vehicle at the gas pumps of the extra fuel station and after the victim was finished dispensing gas into her vehicle she got back inside and noticed her purse was gone. A review of the security camera revealed that a late model Nissan, black with tinted windows and temporary tags parked next to the victim's vehicle. While the victim was outside of her vehicle in the process of dispensing gas, a B/M, 25's, wearing a hooded sweatshirt got out of vehicle, opened the door of the victim's vehicle and removed the purse. The victim is hearing impaired, and did not hear her vehicle door being opened and closed. It appears the suspect made an attempt to rob another vehicle in the gas station.

Tuesday 03/13/2018 at 5:20 pm, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO'
Cpl. P. Roberson received a call and met with an individual who reported that he had located his stolen vehicle at Medical Science Park, 6201 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights. The vehicle had been stolen in College Park, MD and reported stolen to Prince George's County PD on 3/13/2018. The vehicle was not damaged and no sign of forced entry or broken ignition. It appears to have been stolen with a key. The victim stated he believes his 15-year-old son took the vehicle, as he has done in the past. The victim searched this area for his vehicle because his son has friends nearby.

Wednesday 03/14/2018 at 6:31 am, 'BURGLARY [BUSINESS DISTRICT]'
Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the KFC on Greenbelt Road for a burglary complaint. Investigation revealed that suspect(s) broke the drive through window and attempt to take the dropped safe inside the store. Investigation continues.

Monday 03/26/2018 at 1:59 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'
Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of property damage. Subject drove his Freightliner tractor truck off the roadway and into the entrance driveway to the Staples store at 8904 62nd Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. The top of the trailer snagged overhead power lines, which became tangled at the top of the trailer and the tractor. The force of contact with the power lines caused two PEPCO power

poles (no. 8264233068 and 8264232758) to be pulled from their anchored position in the ground and to lean to the west. The leaning poles caused the power lines to hang within 3 feet of the ground. Pepco and Verizon technicians responded to free the truck, reset the poles and repair the overhead wires.

Saturday 03/31/2018 at 8:05 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'
Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a suspicious person. Arriving on scene, contact was made with a resident who indicated that he had a traffic dispute with driver that passed him, crossing the double yellow lines on Edmonston Rd. at Charlton Ave. Resident reports he had parked in the driveway of his home on Charlton Ave when the driver of the other car pulled up and got out of his vehicle. The resident talked to the other driver, noting he was wearing a badge on around his neck and smelled of alcoholic beverages. The driver asked the resident for his ID, who refused. The suspect then quickly grabbed and removed the resident's Bluetooth earbud, threw it into his vehicle and fled. SUSPECT: B/M 30 to 35, thin build, dark skin, with a chin beard and wearing a dark hoodie. The badge is described as being silver and completely round "looking fake." The suspect was driving a Cadillac described as being black with tinted windows and being approximately 7 years old, with LED lights added to the front headlights. The resident reports that the vehicle did have DC tags Fk68 (or similar) but was unsure of the other numbers. This incident was classified as a theft and meets the PBS-type category.

Homicide = 00 Rape = 00 Robbery = 01 Assault = 01 Burglary = 01 Larceny/Theft = 02 Stolen Auto = 00



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

May 4	Marie LaRue
May 5	Lisa Powell
May 6	Rosa Cimemanis
May 9	Joe Hudak
	Howard Johnson
May 15	Leon Swain
May 20	Deb Hutchinson
May 22	Bonnie Beck-Obrien
May 23	Herman Seager
May 30	Chris Rasmussen
May 31	Judy Popadick

Upcoming Events

MAY 11: Visit to the Trolley Museum, followed by lunch.

May 14: Visit by Prince George's County Library Staff for Arts and Crafts. Meet at 12:00 Noon.

May 20: Trip to M.A.D.D. Production preceded by dinner at a local restaurant.

ALSO: Watch NATS Baseball at 1:00 P.M. Date to be determined.

BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER on a Thursday. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

MAY ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!



Afternoon Tea

Put on Your Fancy Hat

You're Invited



Courtesy of the WII Bowlers/Senior Club Members

To a Formal Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 2:30 P.M.

Place: The Berwyn Heights Senior Center

Required Attire: A HAT... The Fancier the Better
(We're trying to imitate a true formal afternoon English Tea, and ask you refrain from wearing ball caps.)

RSVP REQUIRED: No later than May 10th

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*Wear your BHBGC Jersey or Team Colors and meet
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Join the BHBGC Family! We are always looking for coaches, “team parents”, volunteers, committee members, and executive board members. We are also looking to expand our program offerings, both sports and beyond. If you have any ideas, questions, or comments, please email angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

Stop by our Monthly Club meeting at 8pm the first Thursday of each month
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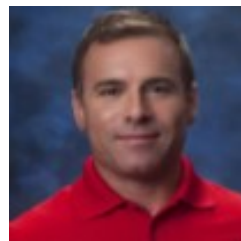
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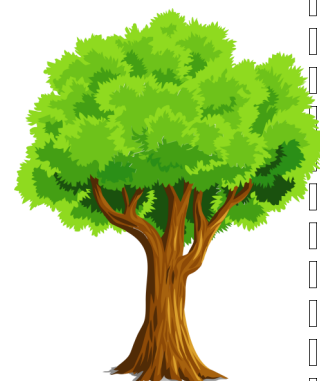
PTSA Meeting, May 22,
2018, 6:30 p.m.

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GET YOUR TREES READY FOR SPRING

Consider Planting Native Trees this Spring!

- ✓ Visit the Green Team on Berwyn Heights Day for a sapling while supplies last.
- ✓ Berwyn Heights residents can currently also find free trees at arborday.org/pepco and myghep.org.
- ✓ Maryland offers \$25 coupons for native trees at participating nurseries. Learn more at dnr.maryland.gov.
- ✓ Tree Care Tip: Remove harmful English ivy from trees by cutting the vine at the base of the tree. Pull it off after the roots have separated from the bark to avoid harming the tree.



BERWYN HEIGHTS SHADE TREE BOARD

Next meeting: May 10th, 2018, 7 pm, G. Love Room
Contact: Amanda Dewey, amandamdewey@gmail.com

Tree care tip: Remove harmful English ivy from trees by cutting the vine at the base of the tree. Pull it off after the roots have separated from the bark to avoid harming the tree.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



Kindergarten Registration

Registration is open for next fall. Parents can come register their children from 9-1 every school day. If you have questions, call the front desk, (240) 684-6210.

Teacher Appreciation Week

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Thank You!

Talent Show

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www.BHESPTA.org

Mailing list: www.remind.com/classes/bhespta/

Email: president@bhespta.org

Upcoming Events

May 1, Tuesday

PTA Meeting

May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16

Spring Music Concert

May 18, Friday

Career Day

May 21, 23, 25, 30

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May 13th Mothers Day

May 18th Wine in the Woods Columbia

May 19th Preakness Baltimore

May Friday eves Movies at National Harbor

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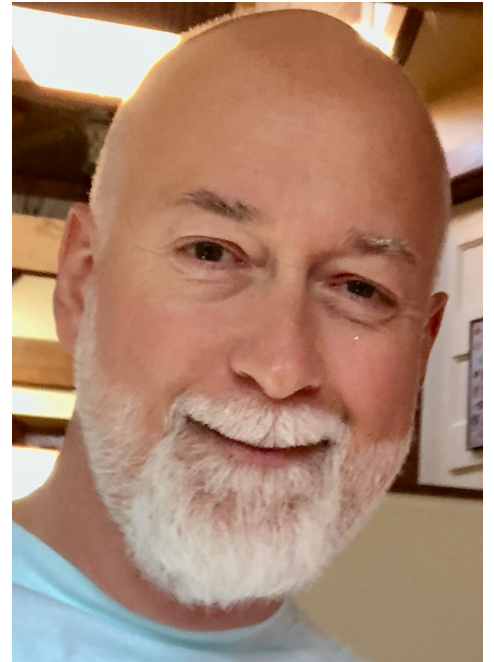
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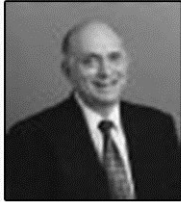


Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Old Parish House in College Park at 4711 Knox Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net



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CODE

MARCH Activities

If you have questions about property maintenance, rental licenses, or want to report a code violation, please call 301-513-9331 or email code@berwynheightsmd.gov

Property Maintenance	Violations
High Grass/ Vegetation	2
Clean Lot	22
Commercial Clean Lot	0
Debris, Litter	4
Vehicles	4
Animals	0
Non-Hazardous	0
Premise Identification	0
TOTAL	32
Permits Issued	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	3
TOTAL	5
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	0
TOTAL	214
Rental Licenses Issued	2
Rental Inspections	16
Rental Re-inspections	2
Vacant Properties	10

Keeping your Grass Cut

'Tis the season...for grass to grow.

Please be reminded to keep your grass cut below 10", as required by the Town's [Clean Lot Ordinance](#). Home owners are also requested to keep trees and shrubs pruned so that they don't obstruct sidewalks or the sightlines of drivers.

Yard waste is picked up by the Public Works Department on Mondays north of Pontiac Street and on Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street, and must be kept separate from regular trash. Branches must be tied into bundles not to exceed 4' in length and 2' in diameter.



Karate Club

Please stop by our Grill Tent on Berwyn Heights Day

Hot dogs ▪ Hamburgers ▪ Pork BBQ ▪ Veggie Burgers

This is a Karate Club fundraiser

Train for free with Sensei Leon Swain, 5th degree black belt, 5 time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame & member of Shihan John Rose-berry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization. Open to all ages/ all levels.

All ages & levels: Year-Round | MON & FRI | 5-7 pm

Executive Club (Senior Citizens): THU | 12 – 2 pm

Town Center, 2nd Floor: 5700 Berwyn Road

For more information please contact:

Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com, or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



This leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, on Saturday, June 2. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems: blocked arteries, a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes at a cost of \$149. To register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

Vice President: Angela Wolfinger
angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

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Sandra Zuniga

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Darryl Harris

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Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich

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Chris McComb

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Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

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& MORE



MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr. 29  Street Sweeper	30 	1  TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 6:15 PM PTA Meeting (BHES) 7:30 PM Rec Council Meeting	2  7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting	3 	4	5  BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY
6	7  7:00 PM Worksession	8 	9  7:00 PM Town Meeting TC Swearing-in, Budget Adopted	10  7:00 PM Green Team/ Shade Tree Board Meeting	11	12 10:00 AM TOWN CLEANUP 1:00 PM PARKDALE TOWN HALL (Town Center)
13	14 	15 	16 	17  7:00 PM Education Advisory Committee Meeting	18	19
20	21  7:00 PM Worksession	22  7:30 PM BHHHC Meeting	23 	24 	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY Town Offices Closed	29 	30 	31 	June 1	2

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper everywhere along the curb..

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Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
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Councilmember — Public Works		
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Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12**

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

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